

February 5th, 2015 OAAB minutes

Quorum was present.

January 2015 minutes were approved.

Monroe County Sheriff Rick Ramsay was the first speaker. He talked about several foreign countries and US computer and phone scams as well as identity theft. He also talked about the local electric company shutoff scams. He suggested if you are missing items out of your homes to visit your local pawn shops to see if it is there. Sheriff Ramsay said to use ATM's in daylight, or when well lighted. If anyone is trying to force you to make a quick decision right now... it's better to say no thanks as it may be a scam. It's hard to get your stuff back when you have given something away. It's better to stop and think before you sign documents & be very careful who you give a power of attorney to.

Mr. Ramsay talked about the many new programs he has implemented since he became Sheriff. He returned to Monroe County \$2.2 million dollars out of his budget even though his agency is independent of the BOCC. The BOCC approves his budget, but has no say in the direction of the Department. He has police contracts with Islamorada & Marathon for services as well as a contract with ICE for federal prisoners that brought in over \$40 million dollars. The officers have cleaned up neighbor hoods, gotten rid of graffiti, had 12 years of perfect audits, crime is down 12.5% for last year in the Keys. They bought the old Mariners Hospital for offices & let the County have space for free... saving tax payers money. Police officers can no longer speed unless they have permission. He is testing body cameras and looking at an economic way to store data. Sheriff Ramsay also discussed the boat thefts, lower unit and marine equipment losses both by land and sea. They recently caught suspects from Homestead/Miami area. The OAAB members asked many questions and learned a lot about our Sheriff's Department & how it is run.

Marlene talked about the 1-800-96-ABUSE hotline where you can report Elder Abuse & self abuse. She talked about the new sub contractor: Island Home Care who will be providing some in-home services. She updated us on grant programs and funding. Marlene informed us that the transportation phone line got rid of the beep so Seniors could better hear when arranging transportation. The County recognized the importance of the transportation issue, but couldn't solve the problem alone. A discussion followed. She also told us physical therapy services will be expanding.

There was a reminder to get the list of new OAAB members in. Also that we needed a secretary as Margaret had only been filling in.

Older American Advisory Board

Meeting Date: 2-5-15

OAAB MEMBERS	
1. Pam Martin	16.
2. Nicole Plagano	17.
3. DARLENE RUSSETT #1357	18.
4. C. Roy	19.
5. LARI GEDMIN	20.
6. Jim Olson	Ex-Officio County Commissioner
7. Julie Heddell #2324	
8. Betty Brown 2466	
9. Edr Dan	
10.	Monroe County Staff
11.	Marlene Steckler
12.	marita lamberson
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VOLUNTEER HOURS	
LOWER KEYS	425
MIDDLE KEYS	121
BIG PINE	416
UPPER KEYS	234

GUESTS	
1. Pat Olson	
2. Kristen Wheeler	
3. Kim Wilkerson	
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5.	Guest Speakers
6.	Rick Ramsay - Sheriff
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